

Southern Agricultural Leaders Help North In Mattress Project



MISS PICKENS

THE cotton mattress making project which achieved such widespread success and interest in Alabama and neighboring Southern States has been expanded into a nationwide program and the Southern states have been called upon to send their agricultural leaders to help get the program started in the Northern states.

Alabama has sent Miss Nell Pickens, extension economist in charge of the Alabama Extension Service and Miss Lucille Mallette, Randolph County home agent of Chambers County, to help get the program started in the Northern states.

Miss Mallette came with the extension service in June, 1936, as assistant home agent of Chambers County. In October of that year she was made home agent of Randolph County.

Let's Talk Turkey

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appetites the more often it is served.

Cold turkey slices plain or in sandwiches are sure to win favor. Cold turkey sliced into a salad or made into a jellied aspic is delicious on a cold plate. Hot dishes made from leftovers are limitless. One general favorite is made by turning tidbits of leftover turkey into a scalloped dish and browning in the oven. Or, hot turkey croquettes with a crisp brown crust will not go begging for attention on anyone's table. And, a sure hit with the many appetites in the family is heating pieces of turkey and gravy in the oven under a blanket of biscuit rounds or mashed potato.

About the only thing more fun than talking turkey is eating it.

Christmas Trees

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trees are available. Local trade will consume many small trees. Some trees can be sold to stores and general produce markets. Many people like to cut their own trees, and hence some can be sold direct from the plantation with a little advertising. A few can be allowed to grow offhensively a height of from 8 to 15 feet and sold to churches, schools, lodges and similar organizations. The best prices are received for freshly cut trees of good form, hence prompt delivery after cutting should be provided for.

With Christmas again in the offing, it is well for the farmer to think of the possible return from a crop of Christmas trees to supplement other forms of cash income for more abundant living.

Alabama Selected To Pioneer Five-Year Soil Conservation Program

ALABAMA has been selected to pioneer in the new, long-range soil conservation program which aims at vitalizing soil conservation, placing it on a permanent basis instead of a temporary year-to-year basis.

Designed to cover a five-year period, the new plan became operative December 1, 1940, the beginning of the new program year.

Under the new provisions, a portion of the AAA payments made to farmers for planting within special crop allotments will be conditioned upon carrying out a farm conservation plan that will conserve and improve the fertility of the soil on their farms.

L. W. Duggan, Director of the Southern Division, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Washington, D. C., outlined the minimum requirements of all the Alabama farm plans as follows:

1. Each farmer participating shall grow on at least 25 per cent of his cropland each year certain erosion resisting and soil-conserving crops, such as biennial and perennial legumes, perennials grasses, lespedeza, crotalaria, ryegrass, cowpeas, winter legumes, soybeans, sweet clover, velvet beans, forest trees, or fall seeded small grains.
2. Proper terracing is to be done over a period of five years on all cropland having a slope in excess of two per cent that is not in permanent vegetative cover.
3. On at least one acre of cropland out of 15, certain perennial soil-conserving crops, including kudzu, lespedeza sericea and alfalfa, shall be maintained or established during the next five years.
4. On at least one acre out of 15, permanent pasture land shall be maintained or established during the next five years.

Farmers will be given credit units for carrying out each of these practices. A part of the net payments with respect to cotton, peanuts, tobacco, wheat, and potatoes will be conditioned upon their carrying out these soil-conserving practices.

The revised program which has been formulated in several recent meetings of agricultural leaders and farmers at Auburn, Alabama, was conceived and initiated by Walter L. Randolph, native Alabamian, former Alabama AAA Administrative Officer and Assistant Director of the Southern Division who is now president of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation.

The plans for each farmer will be made under the direction of the Extension Service of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute with the active cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service and other agricultural agencies.

P. O. Davis, State Director of Extension, announced that the Alabama Extension Service is glad of the opportunity to render this additional service to Alabama farmers.

Local farm leaders, after attending schools of instruction held by Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service workers, will assist farmers in developing conservation plans for their own farms.

In making public the "Alabama plan" Mr. Duggan said: "Two features I consider worthy of special mention. In the first place, soil conservation is further emphasized as the foundation principle of our whole farm program. In the second place, the proposal is a departure from our practice hitherto of dealing in a year-to-year fashion with the farm problem. Alabama farmers will now think and work in terms of a long-time program. Agriculture is the oldest and most enduring of our occupations. Its problems must be attacked on the basis of a sound, permanent policy."

A Good Thing To Know

Do you know what part of the Christmas—or any—Turkey has the most meat on it?

If you're among the majority of persons who choose a leg, you are wrong, as the "meatiest" parts of the bird are the breasts says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The breast meat of a high-quality, fat dressed turkey makes up almost a fifth of the whole bird, and the leg meat slightly less.

Chief thing to look for in picking out a dressed turkey is a broad, meaty breast. Poultry breeders at the Bellville Research Center of the Agriculture Department are mating birds to develop strains of turkeys having broader breasts.

Christmas Customs

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mean to St. Francis and his followers? Written in the language of the common people he gave them a picture of a real manger, actual animals and living people representing the Holy family. His followers sang with a joy that knew no bounds. It was a living Christmas story. So, for countless years the carol has lived to express joy at our greatest season of celebration.

Christmas—An American Holiday

In this country, Virginia sanctioned Christmas Day as a legal holiday throughout its history as a state. The Code of 1849 appeared to have been based on the English law passed before the Revolution, during the reign of George III.

In the records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony under the date May 11, 1659, is to be found an order of court assessing a fine of five shillings on all found observing such a day as Christmas. This law was repealed on May 21, 1681. And, on April 15, 1856, Christmas was officially listed as a legal holiday in Massachusetts. It was declared a legal holiday for Alabama on February 23, 1883.

Coffee Farmers Vote Big Majority For Cotton Marketing Quotas In 1941; Only 148 Oppose Measure

On Saturday, December 7th, farmers of Coffee County went to their respective beat headquarters for the purpose of expressing themselves relative to 1941 cotton marketing quotas.

Out of the 1,563 farmers who took part in this referendum, 148 voted against 1941 cotton marketing quotas. A tabulation of the votes in the county by beats is as follows:

Beat	For	Against
Beat 1	88	2
Beat 2	44	1
Beat 3	39	5
Beat 4	24	6
Beat 5	33	3
Beat 6	171	7
Beat 7	42	24
Beat 8	75	7
Beat 9	108	27
Beat 10	87	3
Beat 11	96	0
Beat 12	24	11
Beat 14	53	3
Beat 15	24	3
Beat 16	52	4
Beat 17	144	30
Beat 18	105	0
Beat 19	41	2
Beat 20	67	4
Beat 21	20	1
Beat 22	23	0
Beat 23	55	3

WHITLEY-CROOK MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED SUNDAY

A marriage of beauty and impressive dignity was that of Miss Whitley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Whitley, of Enterprise, and Joseph Lee Crook, of Elba, which took place at the home of the bride on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

Minister W. T. Grider, pastor of the Troy Church of Christ, was officiating, performing the ceremony in the presence of an assemblage of relatives and friends. The lay window in the living room was effectively employed in the bridal setting. Fringed with Southern amalia and banked with ferns, it made background for the bride and groom. Tiers of ivory wedding layers, threaded with lace fern, were up and down the room. Throughout the room were greenery and bows of white blossoms.

A program of capital music was presented by Mrs. Florie Reed, pianist, Mrs. J. G. Hutchinson and Mrs. W. P. Jones, vocalist. Mrs. Reese played "Indian Love Call" (Piano) while the brides were being lighted. Mendelssohn's march for processional and "To A Wild Rose", (MacDowell) for ceremony number. Mrs. Hutchinson sang "At Dawning" (Calman).

Mrs. Jones, "I Love You Truly" (Jacobs-Bond), Mrs. Hutchinson sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" (Stult).

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a costume of solid blue crepe with maine with girle and touches of navy velvet. Her small, veiled hat and other costume accessories were in navy. Her corsage bouquet was of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Clyde Jackson, bridesmaid, her sister as matron. She wore a costume of untrimmed red velvet with felt hat and other accessories in black. Her flowers were Talisman roses.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. Sam Brunson, Jr., sister of the bride, lighted the candles. She wore black velvet and carried a bouquet of white flowers.

Clyde Jackson of Enterprise served the groom as best man. Following the ceremony the party of the bride entertained an informal reception.

Mrs. Whitley, mother of the bride, wore a costume of black crepe, fashioned with lace yoke. Mrs. W. R. Crook, mother of the groom, wore black crepe embroidered with metal thread. Their flowers were corsages of red roses.

The table in the dining room was veiled with lace and centered with the flower-wreathed punch bowl. White tapered in crystal sticks completed the appointments.

Mrs. John Whitley of Anniston, patron-in-law of the bride, presided and was assisted in serving by Mrs. Irma Rainey of Elba, sister of the groom. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Thelma Wooten, secretary. The treasurer's report was given by Frances Elmore.

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MORE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS APPEAR

Since the City of Elba put up the Christmas lights several days ago, almost daily some new decoration or lighting is noticeable. Elba was one of the first cities to turn on the Christmas lights. In fact, some places where the lights have been used heretofore are not using them this year.

Many of the business houses around the square have decorated their windows as well as their stores. Then over the residential section many attractive decorations have been put up. While to contest is on, so far as we know, there are a number of decorations that would be formidable contenders if there had been a contest with prizes offered.

These clinics are held periodically in the Fall and Spring and are sponsored by the Department of Public Welfare, Health and Education, working in cooperation with the Crippled Children's Service.

All cases requiring hospitalization in this district are sent to Mobile for treatment financed by the Crippled Children's Service with the Department of Public Welfare furnishing transportation. The children from each of the county were accompanied by county workers and nurses to the clinics.

The Three In One and Elba Study Clubs cooperated with the county agencies conducting the clinic by the children and at noon serving lunches with cold drinks to the children and their mothers. A number of children attending Friday had attended previous clinics and were present for the clinic, and a large number were enrolled as new cases.

JEFF CARLNEY ILL

Friends in Elba and throughout the county will regret to learn of the illness of Jefferson Albert Carlney, Jr., who has been ill for the past week, suffering from a cold and influenza. He is reported to be getting along as well as can be expected.

MISS FARRIS, MR. SELLERS WED AT HOME CEREMONY

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Joyce Farris to Mr. Patrick Henry Sellers of Spicauca took place Sunday, December eighth, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Farris, with Rev. C. H. Solbert, pastor of the Methodist Church, performing the ceremony in the presence of immediate families and a few close friends.

The bride was lovely in a costume of boy-blue crepe, with a large silver basket of flowers, with which she wore matching accessories.

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Mr. Sellers holds a responsible position with the Montgomery Electric Company. Immediately following the ceremony, the young couple left for Brewton, where they will reside for the present.

ELBA F.H.A. NEWS

Members of the Elba F. H. A. chapter met in the Vocational Building November 28th for their monthly business meeting. Grace Moore, president, presided over the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Thelma Wooten, secretary. The treasurer's report was given by Frances Elmore.

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119 CHILDREN EXAMINED AT CLINIC HELD HERE FRIDAY

One hundred and forty-nine children from the district comprising Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Houston and Crenshaw Counties were treated at the Crippled Children's Clinic held in Elba Friday, December 6, following a long period of ill health. News of his death brought genuine sorrow to friends in all parts of the State.

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MRS. FRENCH HONORED AT LOVELY FAREWELL PARTY

One of the loveliest social events of the Christmas season was the farewell party honoring Mrs. Allard French, who will leave a few days to make her home in Fort Valley, Georgia, and Mrs. R. C. Bryan in her home on Elvia Street Friday afternoon, December 13th, from three to five o'clock.

Guests were limited to members of the Ada Marie Circle of the Methodist Woman's Society of the Elba Church, of which Mrs. French was a beloved member, and two out-of-town visitors. The spacious Bryan home was decorated in motifs appropriate for the Christmas season and ranged an atmosphere of cheer and beauty. Snacks, ferns and holly made the background for the beautifully decorated and lighted room. The reception table and the bowls of nandina and holly leaves and pine cones arranged in the living and dining rooms. An ornamental Yule-tide lighted and filled with silver leaves, cones and berries was placed on the radio and a Christmas scene, depicting Santa Claus with his pack being drawn over the snow and lighted with red candles decorated the mantel.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. J. M. Rowe and presented to Mrs. French. During the assemblage of the guests an informal "get-together" was enjoyed, the program of entertainment. Mrs. Bryan conducted an original Bible study contest. Mrs. Rowe presented a true and false contest, and Mrs. French directed the guests were then invited into the dining room for a delicious afternoon refreshment course of salad in the Christmas colors, sandwiches, cookies, nuts and hot coffee.

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Red Cross Roll Call Workers Urged To Finish Canvass; New Brockton Teachers First To Enroll 100 Per Ct.

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Mrs. Paul also announced that the New Brockton High School had reported one hundred per cent enrollment to complete their roll call, being the first school to recall, Mr. Olen D. Robinson, principal of the school, made the report. It was also stated that those in charge of the roll call had called on every worker to join the Red Cross.

On account of shortage in supplies the campaign has not yet been completed in all county schools, but good reports are expected. Schools last year did their full share in the roll call.

Citizens of Elba and this section are urged to become members of the Red Cross before the roll call is over. Local chapters will have added tidbits during the coming months. Through their home service departments in the military training camps throughout the nation, soldiers will be kept up to date on the progress of the campaign. This means of communication will necessarily take much time and effort, since an out-door lesson was given.

Mr. Arant gave a demonstration on building the new terraces, and after this he showed the boys how to run lines for terraces. He also made explanations about the drop of the land.

Most all of the members were present and everyone seemed very much interested in learning about the new terraces. There were a number of the older men of the community present. Assistant Chestnut, Mr. Arant in the demonstration. Gerald Roberts, Reporter.

Mrs. Charlie Elba and children were guests of Mrs. J. M. Polson Friday.

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